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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please delete the paragraph from page 7, lines 8-9, of the specification and replace it with the following:

A Zener diode 12 is connected to the power source 1, as shown in FIG. 2, so that an extraordinary high voltage exceeding the Zener voltage is not supplied to the voltage comparator 5. The voltage comparator 5 is protected from the extraordinary high voltage in this manner. The predetermined voltage level at which the protecting switch SW is switched from ON to OFF or OFF to ON can be arbitrarily set by changing the divider resistors 53, 54 53 or the reference voltage  $V_{os}$ . The position of the protecting switch SW in the circuit may be changed. For example, it may be disposed in the circuit between the voltage booster 2 and the electrical circuit to be powered by the power supply device.